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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO TITO - CSCE AND TITO VISIT

REF: A) STATE 49667; B) STATE 49652

1. I DELIVERED PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO TITO (REF A) TO FSFA ASSTSEC BERNARDIC THIS MORNING AT 10:00. NOTING HE COULD NOT OFFER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON MESSAGE, BERNARDIC NONETHELESS TERMED LETTER "WONDERFUL", "VERY GOOD, VERY GOOD". HE SAID TITO WOULD HAVE THE LETTER WITHIN 30 MINUTES AND FONSEC MINIC WOULD BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.

2. USING PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS ON CSCE IN THE LETTER AS DEPARTURE, BERNARDIC SAID HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER THIS MORNING WITH YUGOSLAV CSCE DEL CHIEF PESIC ABOUT "4-PAGE" NEUTRAL-NONALIGNED DRAFT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT INTRODUCED FRIDAY. HE CALLED NNA DOCUMENT "MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN MERE TECHNICAL DOCUMENT", "A MINIMUM THIS CONFERENCE NEEDS". IF NNA DOCUMENT NOT ACCEPTED, HE SAID, ONLY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE "TECHNICAL DOCUMENT", AS RESULT OF WHICH CONFERENCE COULD WELL BE TERMED "FAILURE". IN LATTER CASE THERE COULD WELL BE SLIPPAGE IN DEVELOPMENT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS EVIDENCED TO DATE, WITH "BAD CONSEQUENCES" FOR "US-SOVIET RELATIONS AS WELL AS PAN-EUROPEAN

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RELATIONS. "MAJOR EFFORT" IS NEEDED IN COMING DAYS, HE ARGUED, COMMENTING THAT GOY IS "ALSO ASKING THE SOVIETS" TO BE FORTHCOMING. HE ADDED THAT "IF CONFERENCE TERMINATES WITH TECHNICAL DOCUMENT, PUBLIC OPINION WILL CONDEMN YOU AND SOVIETS, NOT US, OR HUNGARY, FOR INSTANCE," OR OTHER SMALL NATIONS. "THE SUPERPOWERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE." AGAIN STRESSING THAT

GOY IS "VERY CONCERNED", HE REITERATED THAT NNA DOCUMENT IS "POSSIBLE, ACCEPTABLE" CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.

3. RE PARA 2, REF B, FOLLOWING MY STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE FONSEC MINIC, BERNARDIC SAID HE WOULD SEEK A CLARIFICATION OF MINIC'S PREFERENCES. HE LEFT LITTLE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT MINIC WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE SECRETARY CONCURRENTLY WITH CARTER-TITO MEETING. HE PERSONALLY "COULDN'T IMAGINE" THAT MINIC AND THE SECRETARY "WOULDN'T WANT TO BE PRESENT OR CLOSE BY" DURING TITO-CARTER MEETINGS. BERNARDIC FELT CERTAIN (BUT, AGAIN, PROMISED TO GET DEFINITE STATEMENT OF PREFERENCES) THAT MINIC WOULD, HOWEVER, WANT TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE SECRETARY AT SOME POINT FOR CONVERSATION FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON BILATERAL TOPICS.  
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